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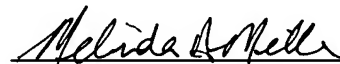
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of  
Kenneth E. Byrd  
Serial No.: 10/748,793  
Filed: December 31, 2003  
For: MULTI-CHAMBER OIL BOOM  
VALVE

) Group Art Unit 3673  
) Frederick Lyndon Lagman, Examiner  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, Applicant, through his attorney, replies with the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.